



**Thursday, June 25, 2026
1:30 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room**

The link to view the meeting is below:

[RIPTA Board of Directors - June 25, 2026](#)

AGENDA

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| 1. | Board Approval/
Potential Vote: | Election of Officers |
| 2. | Board Approval/
Potential Vote: | To consider for approval the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 30, 2026. |
| 3. | Board Approval/
Potential Vote | To consider for approval the Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 30, 2026. |
| 4. | Board Approval/
Potential Vote: | To consider for approval the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting of May 20, 2026 |
| 5. | Board Approval/
Potential Vote: | To consider for approval the Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 20, 2026. |
| 6. | Public Comment | Limited to three minutes per person. |

By a majority vote, a public body may amend its agenda to add items. The additional items shall be for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except when necessary to address an unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-6(b).

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7. CEO Report

- CEO Update
- Key Initiatives
- Employee Spotlight
- Monthly Ridership
- On Time Performance
- Lost Service
- Budget
- Safety Events

8. Board Discussion / Potential Vote: To consider for approval Tire Lease Contract

9. Executive Session: Executive Session to consider, discuss and act upon such matters as may be closed to the public pursuant to § 42-46-4 (2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and (3) Discussion regarding the matter of security including, but not limited to, the deployment of security personnel or devices.

10. Board Discussion/ Potential Vote: Board Questions and Answers

11. Adjournment:

This Agenda was posted on June 23, 2026.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2026
9:00 a.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

Members Present: Robert Rocchio, Board Chair; James Leach, Board Treasurer; Patrick Crowley, Board Secretary; Normand Benoit; Vincent Masino; and Heather Schey.

Absent Members: Marcy Reyes; James Lombardi; and Bernard Georges.

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Jacqueline Weidinger, Executive Assistant to CEO; members of RIPTA staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Rocchio calls the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: **Election of Officers for the RIPTA Board of Directors.**

The RIPTA Board of Directors will table this vote until the May RIPTA Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: **Executive Session**

Executive Session to consider, discuss and act upon such matters that may be closed to the public pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Leach, Mr. Benoit and Mr. Rocchio.

The Board and Counsel enter into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

The Board and Counsel enter public session at 9:13 a.m.

Attorney Fragomeni reports that two votes were taken during Executive Session, including a vote to seal the vote taken during Executive Session and a vote to adjourn Executive Session.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Leach, Mr. Benoit, and Ms. Schey.

Agenda Item 3: To consider for approval the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting of March 26, 2026.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Leach, Ms. Schey, Mr. Benoit and Mr. Rocchio.

Agenda Item 4: Public Comment

1. Randall Rose - RI Transit Riders and RI Coalition

- Drivers have been by passing riders due to bus being too full. Encourages drivers to let riders on even if they need to stand.
- Real time displays in Kennedy Plaza need to be updated and vendors need to be accountable.

2. Grant Dulgarian

- RIPTA needs to recognize that there are too many single occupancy vehicles and before spending any more money on bridges. RIPTA should have an Environmental Impact Statement to encourage a railway through Rhode Island for ridership and tourism.

3. Mickeda Barnes

- States she was illegally terminated due to being hurt at work and cannot get her benefits/pension.
- Transportation should be easy and accessible for all people, including riders to Boston, students, commuters and the elderly.
- Wants her Medicare Set Aside corrected.

Agenda Item 5: CEO Report

Christopher Durand, CEO, provides an update regarding RIPTA's Employee Spotlight; Key Initiatives; Monthly Ridership; On-Time Performance; Lost Service; Budget; and Safety Data.

No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 6: Presentation - Update on the RIPTA Data Team.

Nathan Watchous, Deputy Chief of Finance, discusses the RIPTA Data Team indicating that:

- The Team is doing great things with day-to-day decisions.
- The team will allow RIPTA to have consistency in reporting.
- The Team will be reporting on internal and external data requests, on time performance, federal reporting, and will improve internal processes.
- The Team will be enhancing data for a better experience for the rider and ADA compliance.

No vote is taken.

Agenda Item 7: Renewal of Commercial Property Insurance

James O'Brien, Executive Director of Claims and AJ Rockwell, Senior Vice President at Starkweather and Shepley, present the request.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Masino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Benoit, Ms. Schey and Mr. Leach.

Agenda Item 8: Renewal of General Liability Policy

James O'Brien, Executive Director of Claims and AJ Rockwell, Senior Vice President at Starkweather and Shepley, present the request.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve. Mr. Masino seconds the motion and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Leach, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 9: **Renewal of Excess Umbrella Liability Policy**

James O'Brien, Executive Director of Claims and AJ Rockwell, Senior Vice President at Starkweather and Shepley, present the request.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve. Mr. Masino seconds the motion and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Leach, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 10: **Public Transit Authority Safety Plan (PTASP)**

Christopher Durand, CEO, states that we are awaiting approval from FTA Federal Transit Authority.

The Board of Directors tables the agenda item until the May Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 11: **West Exchange Driver Comfort Station**

James Canty, Deputy Chief of Project Management and Steve Pulver, Project Manager present the request.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to approve. Mr. Masino seconds the motion and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Leach, Ms. Schey, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 12: **Board Questions and Answers**

None.

No vote taken.

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment – 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Crowley makes a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schey seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Leach, Mr. Masino, and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Crowley, Secretary



Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room

Members Present: James Leach, Board Treasurer; Patrick Crowley, Board Secretary; Normand Benoit; Vincent Masino; and Heather Schey.

Absent Members: Robert Rocchio, Board Chair; James Lombardi, Board Vice Chair; Bernard Georges; and Marcy Reyes.

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Christopher Fragomeni, Esq., Board Counsel; Jacqueline Weidinger, Executive Assistant to CEO; members of RIPTA staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Crowley calls the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., indicating that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 1: Public Comment

1. Barry Schiller -

- Encourages RIPTA and the RIPTA Board Members to make the transit system more effective, restore service, and build for the future.
- Wants RIPTA to develop more capital and support the Save RIPTA 2026 Legislative Package which includes the following bills:
 - 1. \$5M Budget Allocation: McKenney Bill S 2828 / Alzate Bill H 8317
 - 2. Increase RIPTA's Highway Maintenance Account share to 20%: Zurier S 2095 / Cortvriend H 8178
 - 3. Rideshare Sales Tax Reallocation: Britto S 3084 / Stewart H 8145
 - 4. Commuter Transportation Benefits Act: Bissailion S 2323 / Hull H 7363
 - 5. Transit Master Plan Bond Referenda: Vargas S 2813 / Tanzi H 8202
 - 6. Car Inspection Fee Increase: Vargas S 3013 / Furtado H 8369
 - 7. RIPTA Board Restructuring: Mack/Tanzi H 8127
 - 8. Motor Fuel Tax – Index Allocation to RIPTA to Inflation & Two-Year Inflation Rate: Zurier S 2668 / Stewart H 8315.

2. Dylan Giles – Save RIPTA

- Requests that RIPTA restore service cuts.
- Also encourages RIPTA and the RIPTA Board to support the Save RIPTA 2026 Legislative Package.

Agenda Item 2: **To consider for approval 705 Elmwood Parking Deck Rehabilitation**

James Canty, Deputy Chief of Project and Facilities Management and Jack Plouffe, Project Manager, present the request.

Mr. Masino makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Benoit seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Ms. Schey and Mr. Leach.

Agenda Item 3: **Executive Session:**

Executive Session to consider, discuss and act upon such matters as may be closed to the public pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and § 42-46-5(a) (7) A matter related to the question of the investment of public funds where the premature disclosure would adversely affect the public interest. Public funds shall include any investment plan or matter related thereto, including, but not limited to, state lottery plans for new promotions.

Ms. Schey makes a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Benoit seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, and Mr. Masino.

The Board and Counsel enter into Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.

The Board and Counsel enter public session at 9:37 a.m.

Attorney Fragomeni reports that two votes were taken during Executive Session, including a vote to seal the vote taken during Executive Session and a vote to adjourn Executive Session.

Mr. Masino makes a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Mr. Benoit seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, and Ms. Schey.

Agenda Item 4: **To consider for approval the contract for Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 618A.**

Steven Colantuono, RIPTA Chief Legal Counsel, presents the request.

Mr. Masino makes a motion to approve. Ms. Schey seconds the motion and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, and Mr. Benoit.

Agenda Item 5: **To consider for approval the contract for Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 808.**

Steven Colantuono, RIPTA Chief Legal Counsel, presents the request.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve. Ms. Schey seconds the motion and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley and Mr. Leach. Mr. Masino recused himself from the vote.

Agenda Item 6: **Board Questions and Answers**

None. No vote taken.

Agenda Item 7: **Adjournment – 9:47 a.m.**

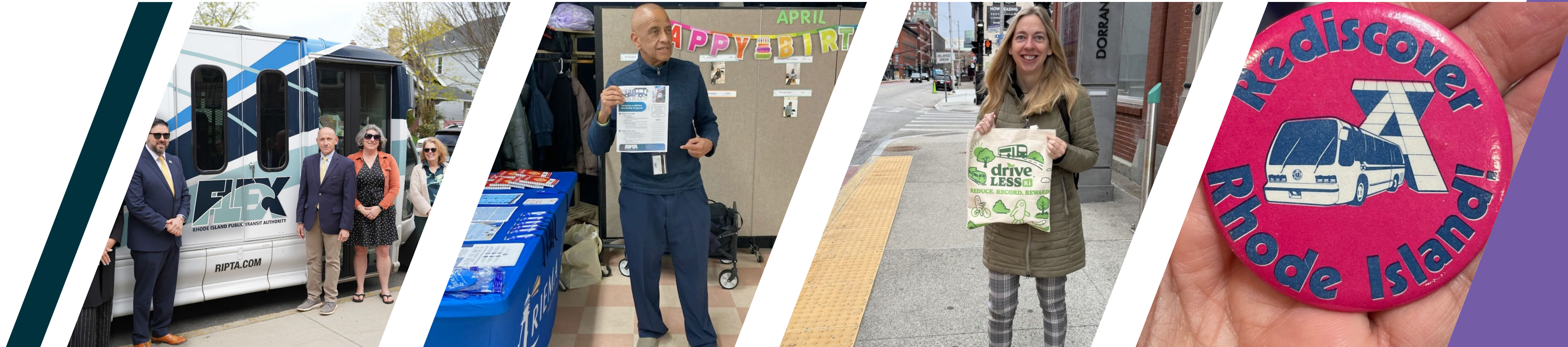
Mr. Masino makes a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schey seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, and Mr. Benoit.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Crowley, Secretary



CEO UPDATE



RIPTA, State, and Local Leaders Celebrated Pilot Expansion of 231 Flex On Demand Service to Northern Aquidneck Island

Senator Louis P. DiPalma, Representative Terri Cortvriend, and Erin Donovan-Boyle, President & CEO of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, joined RIPTA officials to announce the expansion of Flex On Demand service within the 231 Flex Zone to northern Aquidneck Island. The expansion strengthens access to jobs and enhances transportation options for residents, commuters, and visitors in Newport, Middletown, and Portsmouth.

Senior Preparedness BINGO hosted by Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

RIPTA joined other local agencies in sharing valuable information and resources to help older adults stay prepared for emergencies and unexpected events.

Celebrating Earth Day with Our Riders

To celebrate Earth Day, our outreach team surprised RIPTA riders at bus stops across the state with swag bags and giveaways as a small thank-you for choosing public transportation. Every trip taken on RIPTA helps reduce traffic congestion and lower emissions, making a positive impact on our environment and communities. We're grateful to our riders for doing their part to support a cleaner, greener Rhode Island.

Connecting Families to Community Resources

Our travel training team attended the Sargent Rehabilitation Center Transition Night, where Rhode Island families connected with more than 30 organizations to learn about resources and services available throughout the state. This organization provides educational, medical, and rehabilitation services to disabled children, young adults, and families.

Welcoming the Next Generation of Rams

Our transit ambassadors attended another great Welcome Day at the University of Rhode Island, where admitted students explored campus life and learned how to travel across Rhode Island using RIPTA services.

Help Honor 60 years of Moving Rhode Island

As its 60th anniversary approaches, RIPTA is inviting current and former employees, family members with RIPTA connections, and riders with fond memories of taking the bus to share their stories and photos. From vintage bus snapshots to memorable commutes, these experiences are an important part of RIPTA's history. Stories and photos can be emailed to marketing@ripta.com.

CEO UPDATE



Another Successful No Pollute Commute Challenge!

RIPTA transit ambassadors connected with so many riders at weekly pop-up events across the state during Bike to Work Month. Bicyclists logged an incredible 17,107 miles and helped prevent 7.22 tons of carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere during the challenge.

PPSD Mental Health & Wellness Fair

Our outreach team joined high school students, families, and community members from Providence Public Schools for their third annual Mental Health & Wellness Fair featuring music, raffles, yoga sessions, food, and local vendors. From school to appointments and everywhere in between, RIPTA is a safe, eco-friendly, and inexpensive way for students to get where they need to go.

Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) Commuter Benefits Forum

RIPTA joined transit professionals and advocates the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) Commuter Benefits Forum hosted by Providence Streets Coalition for a discussion about how a robust public transit system builds the framework to support a strong workforce. Panelists included RIPTA CEO Christopher Durand, John Flaherty from GrowSmartRI, David Salvatore from The Providence Foundation, and Senator Jacob Bissaillon.

Help Keep Students Moving This Summer with RIPTA's Summer Youth Pilot Pass Program

The Summer Youth Pass Pilot Program is back for the second year in a row! This program provides transportation assistance to high school students when school is out. RIPTA invited schools, summer programs, and other partner organizations to jointly fund fare products to help students access opportunities across Rhode Island in July and August.

2026 Community Site Visits for Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Every month, RIPTA's Customer Service staff will travel to communities throughout the state to process Photo ID bus passes for qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities with valid documentation. These statewide Photo ID Community Site Visits allow residents in both rural and urban areas to access transit information and apply for the Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program without having to travel to RIPTA offices in Providence. In April and May 2026, RIPTA staff traveled to the Bristol Senior Center, Narragansett Senior Center, Pawtucket Senior Center, Warren Senior Center, Westerly Senior Center, and Cranston Senior Center processing a total of 70 bus passes.

KEY INITIATIVES

Workforce Development

Recruitment of vehicle operators continue
Previously reassigned vehicle operators are getting transferred back to fixed route



Service Improvements

Summer service schedules took effect on June 20
Working on fall schedules now including on-time performance adjustments and work quality improvements



Amenity Improvements

As part of state budget, RIPTA now has \$3M annually for the next five years (\$15M in total) to use towards amenity improvements. These state funds will expedite the process.



Performance Data and Benchmarking

Data team continues to build our dashboards and reports on several initiatives helping drive a data driven decision-making process.



John Tancredi



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

For 34 years, RIPTA driver John Tancredi has been a familiar face on Rhode Island’s roads, helping riders get where they need to go while enjoying connecting with his riders along the way. A self-described “people person,” John says one of the best parts of the job has always been the conversations—sharing laughs with regular riders, getting to know families over the years, and watching children grow up into adults with families of their own.

Over the decades, John has seen RIPTA and Rhode Island change in countless ways — from major storms that shut down streets to the impacts of the Washington Bridge closure and all the challenges of the pandemic. He remembers how RIPTA drivers continued showing up every single day, even when the roads were nearly empty. “We never missed a beat,” he says. During COVID-19, while much of the state stayed home, RIPTA operators continued providing essential transportation to those who still needed to get to work, appointments, and other critical destinations.

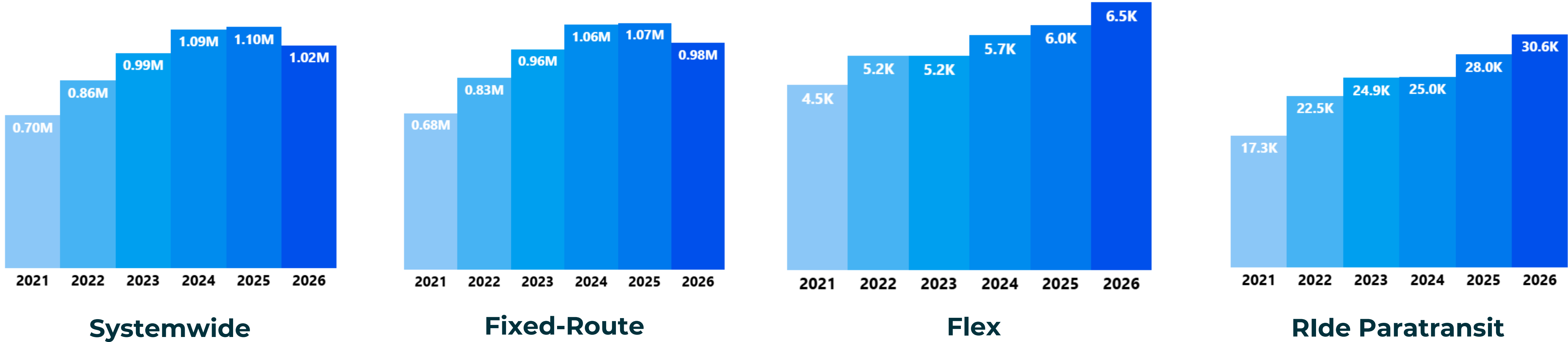
John says the friendships among operators are another reason he’s stayed with RIPTA for so long. “It’s a family,” he explains.

Now, with retirement on the horizon in the next few years, John is looking forward to spending more time with his three grandchildren, traveling with his wife, and enjoying the freedom to do things at his own pace. Until then, he’ll continue doing what he enjoys most: getting behind the wheel and connecting with the people of Rhode Island.

Fixed-Route Operator

MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

April 2026 Systemwide Ridership

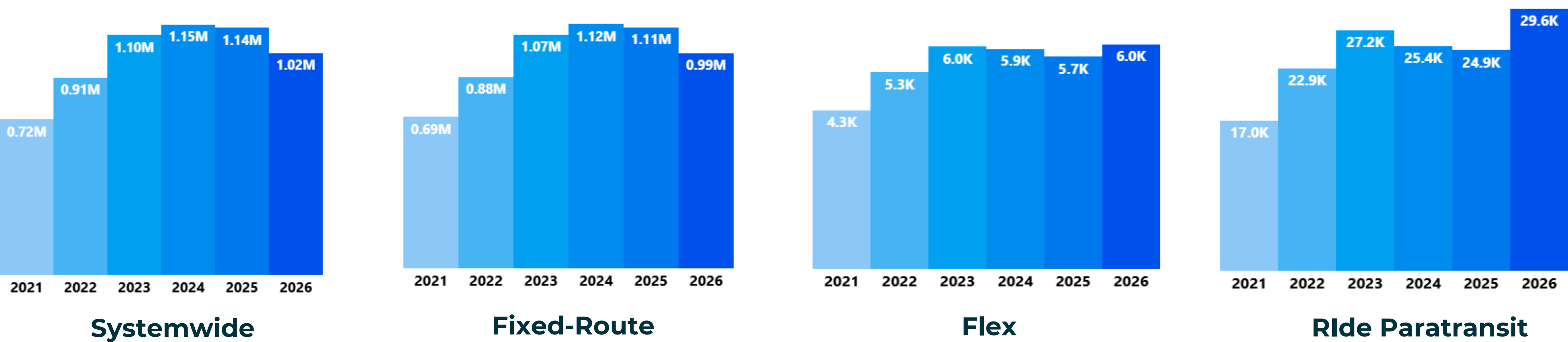


RIDERSHIP DECREASED 8% IN APRIL 2026 FROM APRIL 2025

Fixed-Route ridership counts come from the Automatic Passenger Counts (APCs) from UTA.
Flex and Ride Paratransit ridership counts come from Reveal tablets for Ride, and 3rd party reports for Taxi trips, Flex On Demand ridership (included with Flex) comes from Spare

MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

May 2026 Systemwide Ridership

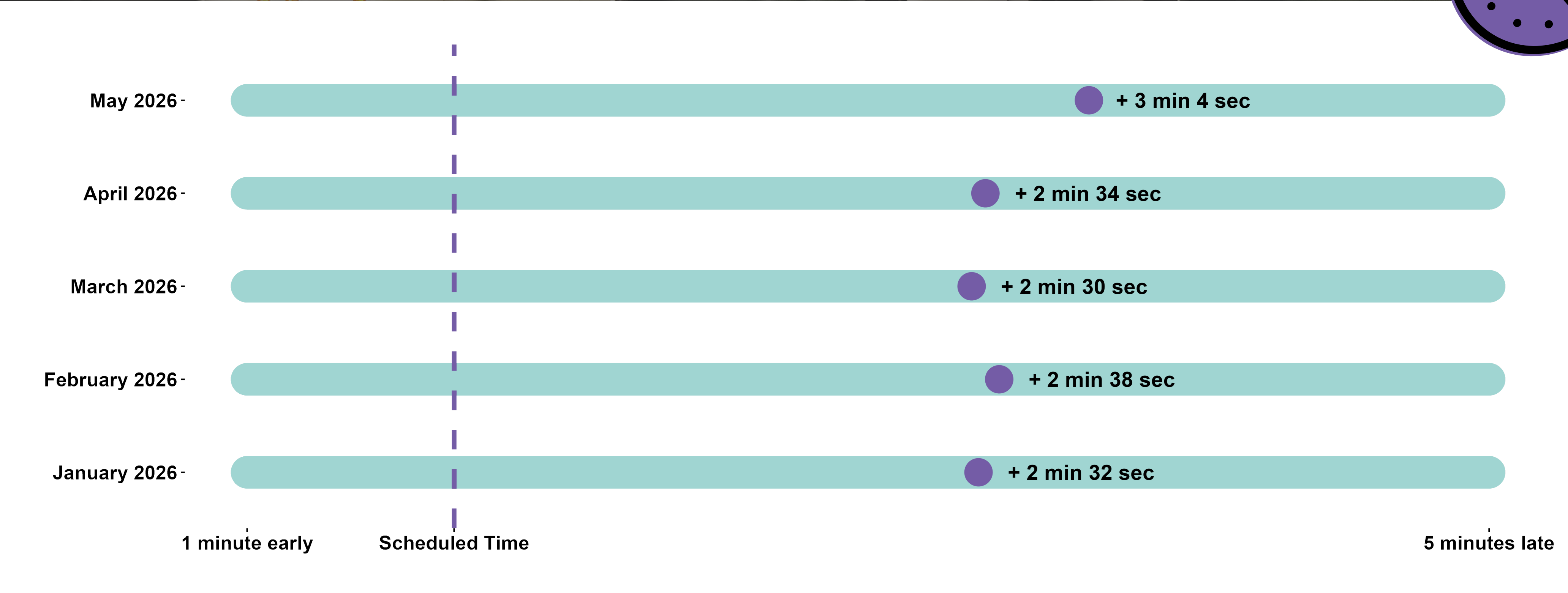


RIDERSHIP DECREASED 10% IN MAY 2026 FROM MAY 2025

Fixed-Route ridership counts come from the Automatic Passenger Counts (APCs) from UTA.
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ON TIME PERFORMANCE (OTP): FIXED-ROUTE

Monthly Average OTP

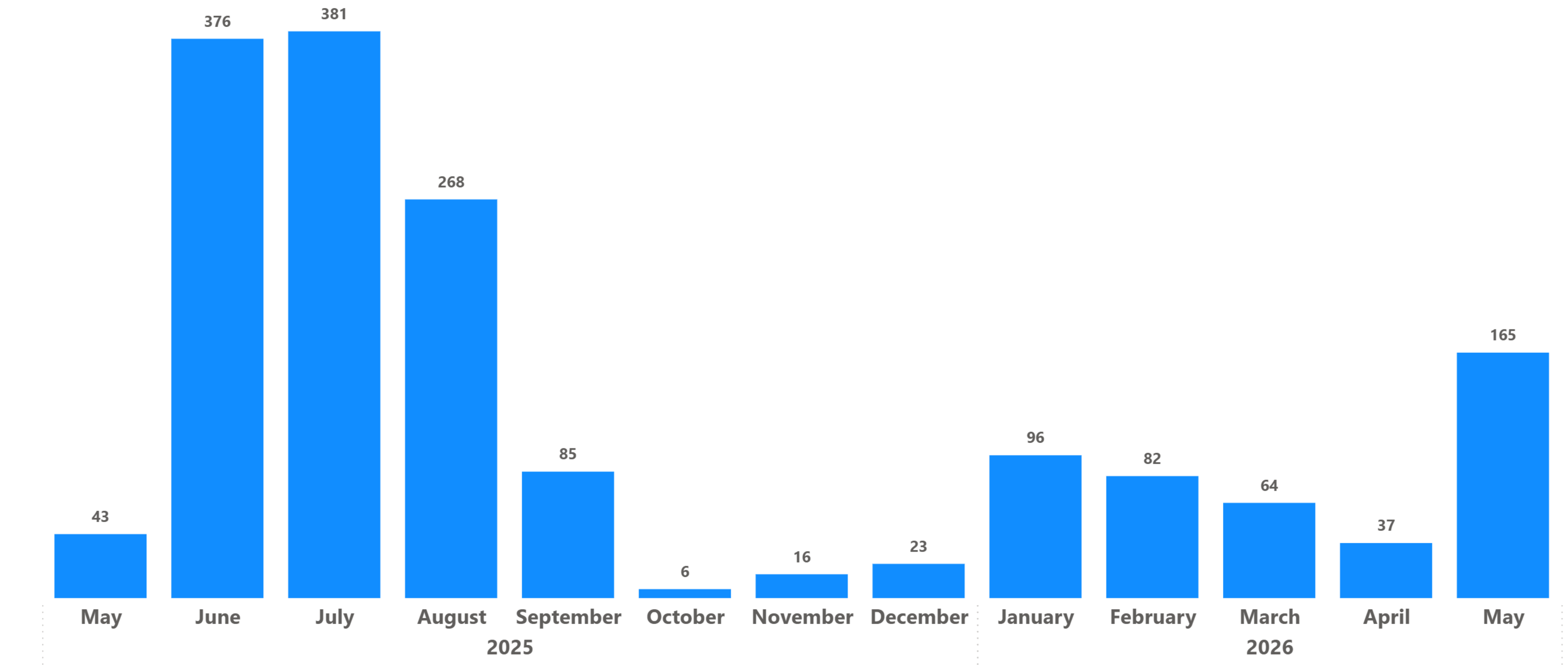


In **May 2026**, Fixed-route buses met on-time performance standards (departures between 1 minute early and 5 minutes late), averaging a **3 minute 4 second late departure**

LOST SERVICE

May 2026

Cancelled/Uncovered Trips by Year and Month



* Counts based on regular trips

** Cancelled does not include Standby or School Cancelled trips

Budget to Actual - May 2026

Budget-Actual FY 2026	Monthly Current Year			
	Budget	Actual	VAR \$	VAR %
Federal Subsidies	\$4,613,414	\$2,508,183	(\$2,105,230)	-45.6%
State Subsidies	\$6,343,218	\$6,331,304	(\$11,915)	-0.2%
Other Revenue	\$531,962	\$924,510	\$392,548	73.8%
Rlde Passenger Fares	\$222,649	\$224,237	\$1,588	0.7%
Passenger Fares	\$1,066,973	\$822,000	(\$244,974)	-23.0%
Third Party Fares	\$1,019,188	\$1,265,375	\$246,187	24.2%
Special Project Revenue	\$119,542	\$0	(\$119,542)	0.0%
Total Revenue	\$13,916,946	\$12,075,608	(\$1,841,338)	-13.2%
	Budget	Actual	VAR \$	VAR %
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$8,379,109	\$10,234,015	(\$1,854,906)	-22.1%
Contract Services	\$1,526,999	\$963,463	\$563,536	36.9%
Operating Expense	\$1,673,093	\$2,193,611	(\$520,518)	-31.1%
Utilities	\$211,096	\$247,212	(\$36,116)	-17.1%
Capital Match & Repayment	\$45,046	\$0	\$45,046	100.0%
Special Projects	\$119,542	\$0	\$119,542	100.0%
Total Expenses	\$11,954,884	\$13,638,301	(\$1,683,416)	-14.1%
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,962,061	(\$1,562,693)	(\$3,524,754)	

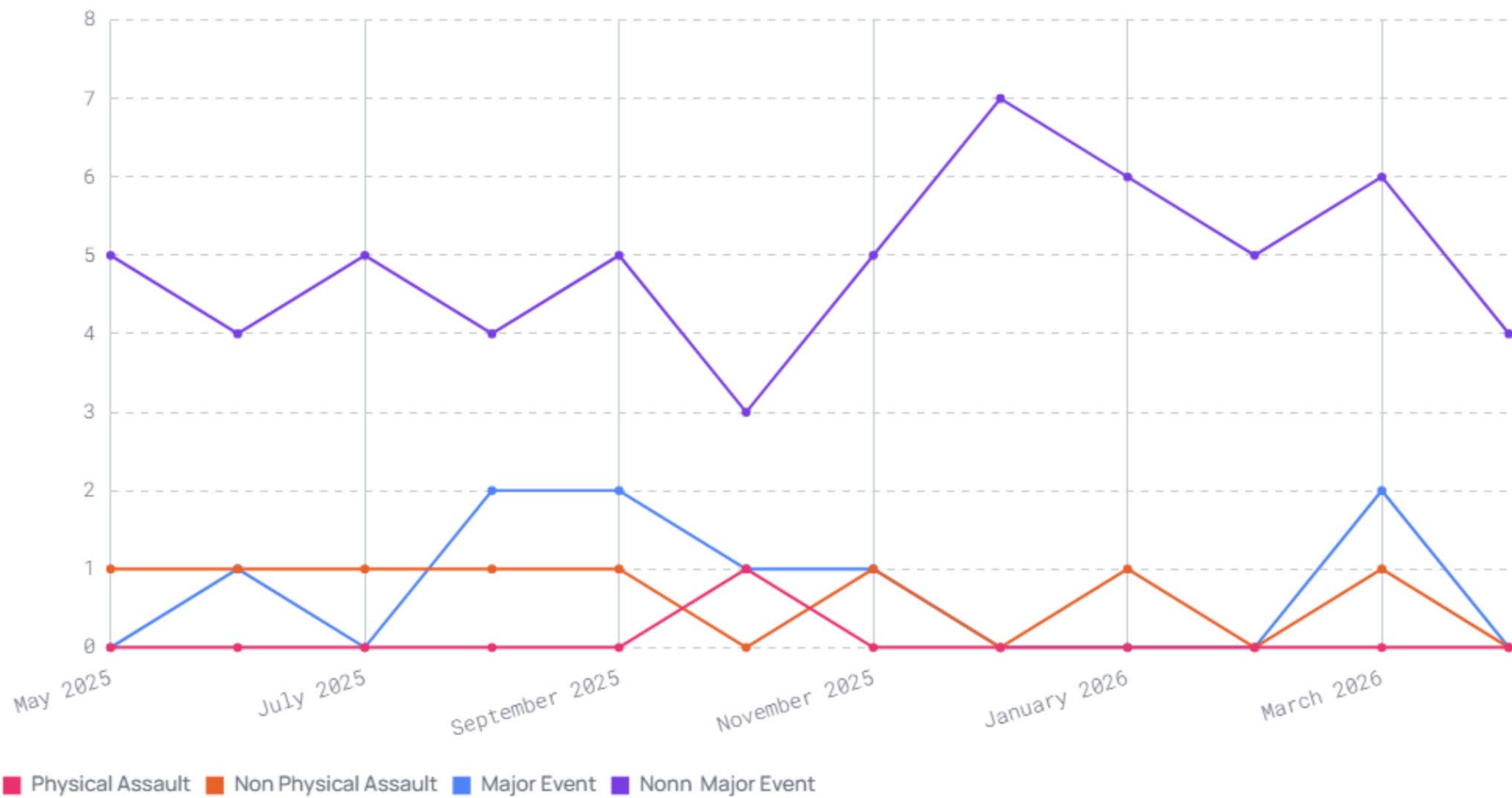
- Federal Revenues are under budget in the month of May due to a federal funding transfer lag.
- Other Revenue is over budget in May due to the end of year true up in advertising revenue.
- Salaries are over budget in the month of May partly due to overtime costs.
- Contract Services are under budget for the month of May.
- Operating Expenses are over budget in May due to settlements and insurance coverage payments.

Budget to Actual through May 31, 2026

Budget-Actual FY 2026	Year To Date Current Year			
	Budget	Actual	VAR \$	VAR %
Federal Subsidies	\$50,747,549	\$39,774,229	(\$10,973,320)	-21.6%
State Subsidies	\$58,977,149	\$57,854,685	(\$1,122,464)	-1.9%
Other Revenue	\$5,851,580	\$2,916,065	(\$2,935,515)	-50.2%
Ride Passenger Fares	\$2,414,988	\$2,119,634	(\$295,355)	-12.2%
Passenger Fares	\$10,974,713	\$9,417,188	(\$1,557,525)	-14.2%
Third Party Fares	\$9,710,534	\$10,330,332	\$619,798	6.4%
Special Project Revenue	\$1,314,958	\$0	(\$1,314,958)	-100.0%
Total Revenue	\$139,991,471	\$122,412,132	(\$17,579,340)	-12.6%
	Budget	Actual	VAR \$	VAR %
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$100,560,063	\$98,520,679	\$2,039,383	2.0%
Contract Services	\$16,797,143	\$8,227,122	\$8,570,021	51.0%
Operating Expense	\$18,279,022	\$17,870,608	\$408,414	2.2%
Utilities	\$2,286,316	\$2,307,376	(\$21,060)	-0.9%
Capital Match & Repayment	\$495,502	\$0	\$495,502	100.0%
Special Projects	\$1,314,958	\$0	\$1,314,958	100.0%
Total Expenses	\$139,733,005	\$126,925,786	\$12,807,219	9.2%
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$258,466	(\$4,513,654)	(\$4,772,120)	

- Federal revenues are under budget through May due to the timing of projects and lower preventative maintenance costs.
- Other revenue is under budget due to timing of rebates from the state.
- Contract Services are under budget overall through May.

SAFETY EVENTS



The NTD criteria for **S&S-40** (Major Event) reporting include any safety or security event that meets the definition of a major event AND at least one of the following reporting thresholds: a confirmed fatality, an injury requiring transport from the scene, estimated property damage of at least \$25,000., an evacuation for life safety reasons, or a collision requiring a vehicle to be towed away.

The NTD **S&S-50** (Non-Major Monthly Summary Report) requires transit agencies to report safety and security events that do not meet the major event threshold. This includes a monthly summary of non-major incidents like slips, falls, and non-major fires, as well as injuries that occurred within the reporting month.

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO:	Board of Directors	DATE:	06/17/2026
PREPARED BY:	John Chadwick Chief of Administration	DEPARTMENT:	Maintenance

TITLE :

RIPTA Board of Directors is requested to award a five-year contract to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC of Nashville, TN to provide tire leasing services to the Authority. The estimated five-year average annual cost, based upon current fleet size and annual mileage, is \$1,051,870.60.

BACKGROUND

The Request for Proposals was issued on April 7, 2026. It was publicly advertised via electronic media. Proposals were received May 7, 2026. Two companies, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC of Nashville, TN and Michelin North America, INC of Greenville, SC submitted proposals. A Proposal Evaluation Review Committee Meeting was held on May 18, 2026. After scoring was completed, the committee recommends awarding the contract to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operation.

JUSTIFICATION

This contract includes the leasing of tires used on RIPTA's revenue and non-revenue vehicles. Also included in this contract are the mounting, dismounting, balancing and disposal of tires. RIPTA Staff conducted a Lease vs. Buy analysis in accordance with Federal Transit Administration Regulations. This analysis concluded that it is more cost effective to lease the tires rather than purchase them. These services are necessary to ensure that there are adequate tires available to keep RIPTA's fleet operating in a safe manner.

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO:	Board of Directors	DATE:	06/17/2026
PREPARED BY:	John Chadwick Chief of Administration	DEPARTMENT:	Maintenance

FUNDING

Funding for this contract is as follows: Eighty percent will be from federal transit administration formula grants and twenty percent from RIPTA operating funds.

ALTERNATIVES

Not award this contract and attempt to purchase tires and perform this work in house. It should be noted that the Authority would have to procure the equipment to service the tires.

RECOMMENDATION

Award a five-year contract to Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC of Nashville, TN to provide tire leasing services to the Authority.

APPROVALS (shaded Departments must approve all Staff Summaries) Projects between \$5,000 and \$10,000 must have Department Director/AGM. Projects between \$10,000 and \$100,000 must have CEO also. Projects greater than \$100,000 must also have Board of Directors Approval

Department	Initial	Date	Department	Initial	Date
Budget/Finance	<i>NW</i>	06/22/2026	Maintenance/Facility	<i>[Signature]</i>	06/18/2026
Customer Service	D		Marketing	D	
Environmental/Safety	D		Planning	D	
Project Management	D		Procurement	<i>[Signature]</i>	06/18/2026
Flex/Paratransit	D		Security	D	
Human Resources	D		Training	D	
Inform. Services	D		Transportation	D	
Legal/Risk Mgmt	D		Chief Exec. Officer	<i>[Signature]</i>	06/22/2026

Evaluation Points-26-18

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Proposer Qualifications</u>	<u>Pricing</u>	<u>Record of Performance</u>	<u>Completeness of Response</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bridgestone	38	40.00	8.00	10	96.00
Michelin	37	19.77	8.00	10	74.77
Points Allocated	40	40	10	10	100